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SUBJECT: JAPAN-EC JOINT TRADE COMMUNIQUE: AIRCRAFT
AND TARIFF CUTS

1. TESHIMA OF FORNMIN, AFTER HANDING OVER TEXT OF
JOINT COMMUNIQUE, EXPLAINED THAT BOTH SIDES HAD DECIDED
NOT TO INCLUDE DECISIONS REACHED ON AIRCRAFT PURCHASES
SO THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD HAVE SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBILITY
IN EXPLAINING IT TO THEIR CONSTITUENTS. SUBSTANCE OF
AGREEMENT IS EMBODIED IN ORAL STATEMENT BY VICE
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MINISTER OF TRANSPORT TO DENMAN AS FOLLOWS:

"THE SELECTION OF AIRCRAFT IS A MATTER TO BE DECIDED
BY PRIVATE AIR LINE COMPANIES AT THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT
DISCRETION AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THIS POLICY THE
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS READY TO EXTEND NECESSARY AND
POSSIBLE COOPERATION FOR EALIZATION OF SUCH PURCHASES

IN CASE THE AIR LINE COMPANIES WISH TO PURCHASE
EUROPEAN AIRCRAFT, AS IN CASE THEY WISH TO PURCHASE
AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURED IN OTHER COUNTRIES."

2. PLANS OF JAPANESE AIRLINES FOR NEW ACQUISITIONS ARE
EXPECTED TO BE DEPOSITED WITH GOJ WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.
TESHIMA AGAIN ASSURED US DECISIONS WOULD BE TAKEN ON
PURELY ECONOMIC BASIS.

3. TWO SIDES ALSO DECIDED NOT TO INCLUDE IN COMMUNIQUE
SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO TARIFF CUTS ON PRODUCTS OF
SPECIFIC INTEREST TO EC, INSTEAD THERE IS AGREEMENT ON
FOLLOWING ORAL STATEMENT:

"THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION
TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE TO EXTENDING TARIFF OFFERS IN
THE MTN AS REGARDS BISCUITS, CHOCOLATE AND CHEWING GUM."

4. TESHIMA EXPLAINED THAT HE BELIEVED U.S. TO BE
PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARY OF CUTS ON CHEWING GUM AND
PROBABLY ALSO ON CHOCOLATE. MANSFIELD

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